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HYBRID TEA ROSE PLANT NAMED 'INTREPID RED'

5 BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

The present invention relates to a new and distinct variety of rose plant of the hybrid tea rose which was created by crossing as seed and pollen parents two (2) unknown rose varieties. The varietal denomination of the new variety is  
10 'INTREPID RED'.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Among the novel characteristics possessed by this new variety which distinguishes it from other varieties of which I  
15 am aware, is its dark red flowers.

Asexual reproduction by propagation by budding of the new variety as performed in Wasco, California shows that the foregoing and other distinguishing characteristics come true to form and are established and transmitted through succeeding  
20 propagations.

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BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF ILLUSTRATION

5 The accompanying illustration shows typical specimens of the  
flowers of the new variety depicted in color as nearly true as  
it is reasonably possible to make the same in a color  
illustration of this character.

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#### DESCRIPTION OF THE NEW VARIETY

5 The following is a detailed description of 2-year budded  
plants of the new variety , with color terminology in accordance  
with *The Royal Horticultural Society Colour Chart* (RHSCC). The  
terminology used in color description herein refers to plate  
numbers in the aforementioned color chart. Phenotypic expression  
may vary with light availability, environmental and cultural  
10 conditions.

The following observations are made of specimens grown  
outdoors in Wasco, California, during November.

#### PLANT

15 Form: Compact  
Growth: Medium vigor  
Size: Height about 48 inches; width  
about 32 inches  
Foliage  
20 Size: Length about 2 3/16 inches;  
width about 1 1/4 inches  
Quantity: About 5  
Color  
25 New foliage: Upper side near 136A; under  
side near 136B  
Mature foliage: Upper side near 137A; under  
side near 137C  
Shape: Elliptic  
30 Texture  
Upper side: Smooth  
Under side: Matte  
Edge: Serrated  
35 Serration: Slight

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Petioles: Top surface color near 138B;  
Under side near 138B

5 Stipules: Medium length

Rachis: Few prickles

Variegation: None observed

#### WOOD

10 New shoots

Bark: Smooth

Wood: Near 47B

Old wood

15 Bark: Smooth

Wood: Near 140B

Flowering stem: Length about 5 inches

Winter Hardiness: Completely winter hardy

Resistance to Disease: Average

20 Temperature range: Between 16° and 120° F

Preferred growing  
conditions: Full sun

Growth habit: Compact

25 Leaves per stem: About 5

#### FLOWER/INFLORESCENCE

Blooming Habit: Continuous

Bud Length about 1 1/2 inches;  
width about 1 1/2 inches

30 Form: Classic rose

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5 Color: Before sepals divide color near 53A; when sepals first divide color near 53B; when petals begin to unfurl color near 53A

10 Sepals: Pointed and serrated  
Size: Length in relation to bud, about 1 3/4 inches  
Color: Topside near 156D; bottom near 138C

15 Peduncle  
Length: About 2 inches  
Aspect: Strong, erect  
Color: Near 141D

20 Flower  
Size: About 4 1/4 inches  
Borne: Single - one per stem  
Form: High centered

25 Petalage: About 29  
Petaloids in center: Few  
Persistence: Average

Fragrance: Slight

Lasting Quality: About 3 weeks on plant; about 7 days after cutting

30 Color  
During first 2 days: Inner petals at flower center topside near 60C; bottom near 63A; outer petals topside near 60C, bottom near 63A

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Base of petals

(Point of attachment):

Near 2B

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General tonality from a  
distance:

Near 63A

Color Change:

As bloom ages to near 63A;  
after 3 or more days color  
near 63A

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Petals

Texture:

Soft

Shape:

Longer than wide

Arrangement:

Imbricated

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Appearance:

Velvety front; satiny back

#### REPRODUCTIVE ORGANS

Arrangement of stamens,  
Filaments and Anthers:

Regularly arranged around  
styles

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Color:

Filaments near 5B; Anthers  
near 6B

Styles:

Medium length

Hips/Seed Vessels/Ovaries

Shape:

Round

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Size:

About 1/4 inch

Color:

Near 141C

Seeds:

No seeds

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